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FOLLOWING REPEAT USUN 5056 SENT SECSTATE DATED OCT 15.

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ALGIERS, MADRID, NOUAKCHOTT, RABAT AND THE HAGUE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR UNGA SS MO
SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA

1. ONE IMAGINES HOLY WARS BEING LAUNCHED FROM MORE AUSTERE
AND LESS RELAXED QUARTERS THAT SUITE 9-H OF THE HOTEL CARLISLE,
WHERE I CALLED ON MOROCCAN FOREIGN MINISTER LARAKI OCTOBER 15
(SEPTEL RE KOREA ITEM). PERHAPS KING HASSAN'S DESERT CAMP
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IS DUSTIER, BUT LARAKI'S FERVOR MUST AT LEAST EQUAL THAT OF

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HIS SOVEREIGN.

2. AT 8 AM NEW YORK TIME OCTOBER 16, LARAKI SAID, THE ICJ'S ADVISORY OPINION ON SPANISH SAHARA WILL BE HANDED DOWN. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION WHICH HE HAS RECEIVED, THE DECISION WILL STATE THAT THE "TRIBUNE" OF THE SAHARA INDEED HAD PRE-FRENCH TIES OF ALLEGIANCE WITH THE SULTAN OF MOROCCO. LARAKI ARGUED THAT SINCE THESE SAME TIES OF ALLEGIANCE WERE USED IN FRENCH AND MOROCCAN CEREMONIES INSTALLING KINGS MOHAMMED V AND HASSAN II, SUCH OATHS CREATE A BINDING TERRITORIAL RELATIONSHIP, AND ACCORD MOROCCO LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE SAHARA.

3. AT 2 PM NEW YORK TIME, OCTOBER 16, KING HASSAN WILL SPEAK TO HIS NATION, KARAKI ADDED. LARAKI SAID THAT HE THEN WOULD PRESENT A RESOLUTION IN THE UN WHICH STATES, INTER ALIA, THAT THE QUESTION BEFORE THE UN IS NOT ONE OF SELF-DETERMINATION, BUT OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. "MOROCCO IS READY TO TALK TO SPAIN ON "THIS BASIS."

"SEVENTEEN MILLION MOROCCANS ARE PREPARED TO BACK THE KING'S WORD," HE CONCLUDED, "AND THE BATTLE BEGINS OCTOBER 17."
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